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DATE: 28 MARCH 1974

SUBJECT: SOVIETS' SECOND DEMAND FOR RETURN OF HELICOPTER

REF : FOIS AL, 28 MAR 74, UNCLAS

THE USSR HAS SENT A SECOND NOTE TO THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW, INSISTING ON THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF THE HELICOPTER AND THREE-MAN CREW THAT MADE AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN CHINA TWO WEEKS AGO. MOSCOW'S LANGUAGE REMAINS CAREFUL; THERE ARE NEITHER THREATS NOR WARNINGS. NEVERTHELESS, THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN PUT ON NOTICE THAT THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY WORSENING IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS.

3 THE SOVIETS ARE STICKING TO THEIR STORY THAT THE HELICOPTER 2 WAS ON A "MERCY MISSION" NEAR THE BORDER, AND ARE TRYING TO 1 REFUTE THE CHINESE CHARGE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS

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SOVIET TRANSGRESSIONS IN THE PAST YEAR. MOSCOW WILL CONFESS TO ONLY ONE "ACCIDENTAL ENTRY." IN FACT, THE CHINESE CHARGE IS ACCURATE.

THE CHINESE HAVE LINKED THE INCIDENT WITH PREVIOUS SOVIET SPYING AGAINST CHINA, PARTICULARLY THE EXPULSION OF FIVE SOVIET OFFICIALS IN JANUARY. THE CURRENT ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN IN PEKING WILL ALSO WORK TO PROLONG THE CREW'S DETENTION IN CHINA.

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